

## **RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, the El Paso County Hospital District is El Paso's healthcare safety net and the only remaining locally-owned, not-for-profit hospital system in our community; and

**Whereas**, the District, through its three subsidiaries – Thomason Hospital, the Thomason C.A.R.E.'s Clinics and El Paso First – is dedicated to providing high quality in-patient and outpatient healthcare services to every El Pasoan, regardless of their ability to pay; and

**Whereas**, the District has served the people of El Paso for 90 years and today is in need of a major investment of public funds to ensure it can continue to fulfill its Mission and remain a strong teaching program for the Texas Tech University School of Medicine; and

**Whereas**, the District has adopted a new strategic plan, which call for several major expansion / renovation initiatives to address the El Paso and Ft Bliss communities' growing healthcare needs, including the development of a comprehensive Cardiovascular Program, new Operating Suites, a larger Emergency Department, expanded in-patient capacity and additional outpatient services; and,

**Whereas**, the District's Board of Managers, appointed by El Paso's County Judge and Commissioners Court to set policy for the District, recently approved a bond financing plan to fund the capital improvements included in the strategic plan and will soon seek the Court's approval of the same,

**Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Mayor and Council** that the El Paso County Hospital District plays a vital role in the overall health of the community, and

Be it further resolved that the City of El Paso supports the District's long-range strategic plan and hereby urges the El Paso County Commissioners Court to authorize the sale of the bonds.

Approved this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

CITY OF EL PASO:

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richard Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

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Charlie McNabb, City Attorney